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San Francisco Wholesale Markets
USDA FOOD BULLETIN
From Federal-State Market News Service
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DAIRY & POULTRY

Butter - Supplies of butter continued to work lower. Dealers and jobbers again cut distribution quotas.

Eggs - The steady increase in egg production, coupled with large shipments from the Central West, finally reached sufficient volume to satisfy demand from all sources.

Poultry - Arrivals of live poultry this week were somewhat larger than needed for the moderate demand.

MEAT

Beef - Local beef offerings consisted largely of Good steer and heifer beef, with the demand far exceeding the supply.

Lamb - A very moderate supply of lamb was available on the market, all finding ready clearance.

Pork - Supplies of pork cuts continued fairly liberal and moved rather freely.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE

Grapefruit, avocados and small oranges are the best buys in fresh fruit this week. Avocados are lower, and small oranges are just a little higher. All other oranges are in moderate supply and selling at ceiling. Limes are plentiful and moving slowly. Tangerines are at ceiling and selling as fast as they come in. The lemon supply is normal. Apples are scarce and selling at ceiling.

Cabbage, cauliflower, celery and potatoes are the best vegetable buys this week. The quality of cabbage and cauliflower has improved and celery continues to be of excellent quality. Lettuce is a little higher this week, but is still a good buy. Dry onions are scarce and at ceiling. Artichokes, green onions, peppers and soft squash are high. Broccoli is moderately priced. Good quality peas are selling at ceiling. Hothouse rhubarb from Washington is of very good quality, but high. Hard squash is in moderate supply. Sweet potatoes are in fair supply and selling at ceiling. Tomatoes are in moderate supply with best quality selling at ceiling.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Supplies shortest on record. Commercial reserves are practically depleted.

Eggs - Production from nearby points, together with shipments from the Central West finally filled all outlets, and excess eggs are now moving into storage.

Poultry -Demand for dressed poultry was moderate all week, and distributors reported that poultry stocks in storage were very large.

MEAT

Beef - Lower grades of cows are seasonally in light supply, and demand for better grades of beef is exceeding the available supply.

Lamb - A small supply of lamb available found a ready clearance.

Pork - The hog slaughter was large during the week, and supplies moved freely on the market.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Very small oranges and limes are the best fresh fruit buys this week. Other oranges and grapefruit are in moderate supply and selling mostly at ceiling. There is a good supply of avocados selling at reasonable prices. Apples, pears and tangerines are scarce, and all are selling at ceiling.

Both the new crop and old crop potatoes are the best fresh vegetable buys. Cabbage and cauliflower are in moderate supply, along with sweet potatoes, hard squash and tomatoes. The moderate supply of peppers is high, and the same applies to lettuce, which is now selling at ceiling. There is a good supply of Southern California celery, but the price is still rather high. Artichokes, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, spinach and soft squash are all in light supply and generally high. Eggplant is nearly off the market. The light supply of dry onions and peas is selling at ceiling.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Markets ruled intensely firm, with the critically short supply situation further accentuated during the week. Reserve stocks are virtually exhausted and production at record lows.

Eggs - Supplies of most grades of eggs continued to increase as production gained. The anticipated shortage of feed was an important factor supporting the market.

Poultry - A comparatively large volume of dressed poultry moved into retail outlets this week. Receipts of live poultry were fully sufficient for current needs.

MEAT

Beef - The general demand continued very active and available offerings showed rather large curtailment in daily volume going to retail trade. Quality was made up largely of Good steer beef, with Choice a little more plentiful.

Lamb - Supplies of lamb were a little less plentiful on a strong market.

Pork - A more liberal supply of pork cuts was available on a steady market.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Grapefruit, oranges and limes are the best fresh fruit buys this week. Avocados are moderately priced and a fairly good buy. Apples, pears and tangerines are in light supply and selling at ceiling.

Both old and new potatoes are the best vegetable buys this week. Cabbage, cauliflower and peas are in moderate supply and moderately priced. Good quality celery is quite high, with poorer quality somewhat cheaper. Artichokes and dry onions are scarce and high. All bunched vegetables are in moderate supply except green onions which are light and high. Peppers and broccoli are quite high. Washington rhubarb is lower this week. Good quality spinach is in good supply and moderately priced. Both soft and hard squash are higher and in lighter supply. Broccoli is high. Sweet potatoes continue at ceiling. Tomatoes are in moderate to heavy supply and moderately priced.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Avocados, lemons, oranges and grapefruit are the best buys of the fresh fruits this week. All of these fruits are in moderate to good supply. Apples are very scarce and even the small ones are selling at ceiling or just under. Pears and tangerines are in light supply and selling at or just under ceiling.

Cauliflower, peas and potatoes are the best buys of the fresh vegetables. Cauliflower and peas are in heavier supply and lower. Hothouse rhubarb is quite a bit lower this week. The first asparagus of the season is arriving, but selling in the luxury class. Artichokes and peppers are a little lower. Cabbage is in moderate to good supply. Spinach is in moderate to heavy supply and moderately priced. Celery and lettuce are in fairly heavy supply, but selling quite high. Dry onions are scarce. Soft squash is slightly lower, but still fairly high priced. All sweet potatoes are at ceiling. Tomatoes are in moderate to heavy supply.

DAIRY AND POULTRY

Eggs - Large Grade AA eggs declined one cent, but all other grades and sizes held steady. Egg receipts in packing plants were somewhat larger than the week before.

Butter - There was a slightly larger amount of butter available for retail outlets, but still far short of requirements.

Poultry - Live poultry receipts were quite large and the demand was satisfactory to move stocks.

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